



May 12, 2017

Randy Fiorini
Chair, Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Fiorini:

On behalf of Central City Association of Los Angeles, I would like to express our organization's support for the ongoing effort by the Delta Stewardship Council to advance the goals of providing a reliable California water supply and restoring the challenged ecosystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Established in 1924, CCA is LA's premier advocacy organization, with 400 members in the Los Angeles region. As an economic and cultural center and a destination for 500,000 workers each day and millions of visitors per year, our community and our members depend on clean and reliable water sources each day, and wish to see those supplies generated and conveyed in an environmentally sustainable way.

Overall, we agree with the Council findings that the status quo in the Delta is unsustainable and unacceptable. Increasing risks from sea level rise, subsidence and earthquakes in the Delta threaten not only the water supply for 25 million Californians, but also the state's \$2 trillion economy that depends on reliable supplies of high quality water.

We agree that Delta water systems need to be modernized with new intakes in a manner that is compatible with Delta communities. We support the recommendation of building additional storage so that more supplies can be captured during wet periods.

To refine these broad objectives into appropriate final language, we encourage you to work closely with the stakeholders representing our communities who are most closely engaged in this vital process, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, its member agencies, local water agencies, and the State Water Contractors.

Southern California will continue to reduce its reliance on the Delta to meet future needs through historic investments in conservation and new local supply development. Water from Northern California will remain an important baseline supply and must help to provide the reserves necessary to withstand droughts. A successful conclusion to your process is critical to advance a modernization of the Delta water system to advance both restoration and water reliability goals.

Thank you for your efforts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Lall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jessica Lall
President & CEO, Central City Association of Los Angeles